

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-3749-2021

Date of decision: 18.02.2021

Karamjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinod Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the respondents.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Karamjit Kaur, stated to be aged 65 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for issuing appropriate directions to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the statutory appeal dated 15.02.2012 (Annexure P-4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner by making reference to the pleadings in the petition submits that on the death of petitioner's husband namely Jagir Singh (who was working as Lineman), petitioner was given compassionate appointment. The husband of the petitioner had died on 16.07.1988. On 18.10.1989, the petitioner was given appointment as Sewadar. On account of a family dispute between the petitioner and her sister, an FIR

No.124 dated 09.06.2004 was lodged under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Majitha. Thereafter, on 13.01.2012, sister of the petitioner filed a complaint with the employer and accordingly, on 08.02.2012, the petitioner was dismissed from service. The petitioner thereafter filed an appeal (Annexure P-4) but the same is stated to be still pending.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in this regard, the petitioner has also got served a legal notice dated 04.08.2020 (Annexure P-5).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Vinod Bhardwaj, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In the peculiar facts and circumstances as noticed above, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to the Appellate Authority-respondent No.2, to decide the appeal (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No